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so this morning I will discuss a short history of psychological torture a reflection on the ethics of psychological research it will be a lecture with a prologue in four parts each of the four parts describes a distinctive phase in the half century 50-year history of CIA psychological torture one discovery two propagation three perfection and for legalization first a prologue which I've titled entering the covered netherworld working as an academic historian for the past 35 years I have produced a half-dozen books on seemingly diverse topics from the global heroine traffic to Australian organized crime now CIA torture better all for a new interdisciplinary academic field established by August at the University of Melbourne law school in Australia that examines what I call for want of better words the covered netherworld this netherworld is an invisible interest disk between the formal and informal sectors of society where criminal syndicates and clandestine services collaborate in the exchange of illicit goods and extra legal services this is an uncommon but not I would argue an inconsequential field for those who wish to understand the complex world that we live in since the end of the Cold War as an index of scale of this covered netherworld let us take its largest commodity illicit drugs which according to the UN's world drugs report generates four hundred and eighty billion dollars in revenues for 8% of world trade larger than steel bottom of meals or textiles in other words the illicit drug traffic is now larger than the legal trade for textile one of the three essential food and shelter needed to sustain human life as an index of significance consider an obscure CI interrogation doctrine called psychological torture that has recently emerged from the clandestine shadows where it was concealed for over half a century to dominate US domestic debate over the war on terror and discredit

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over the war on terror and discredit America's global leadership in the eyes of the world despite its growing significance as a force in shaping modern life surprisingly few of my fellow historians among the thousands across the globe study this covered netherworld yet even with a modicum of skill historical method I would argue can prove a powerful tool for both scholars and journalism bringing this vast still unexplored terrain discover another one through some coincidences at the cusp of two careers journalism history I've developed a method that merges the historians use of documents for long-term analysis with the journalist reliance on first-person of these for contemporary reportage when used creatively the past can serve as a powerful prism for illumination of an otherwise opaque present highlighting and historical continuity otherwise concealed in a contemporary media player by using this method we can discover the secret history of psychological torture that was hidden like a purloined letter in Edgar Allan Poe's famed short story write in plain sight on your desktops not the carved wooden letter box as in the love story but in the search function on your desktop computer for one discovery on April 28 2004 Americans were stunned when CBS television

broadcast those now notorious photographs from Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison showing pretty rock he's stripped naked while you miss soldiers - by smiling that's the scandal grab headlines around the globe defense secretary Rumsfeld insisted the abuses were perpetrated by a small number of US military from the conservative New York Times columnist winged sapphire soon branded as creeps when I looked at that most iconic photo of a hooded Iraqi with fake electrical wires hanging from the extend arms I saw not the sadism of a few creeps but instead the two key trademarks of the CIA's psychological torture paradigm the word was for sensory disorientation the arms were extended for self-inflicted pain it was

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extended for self-inflicted pain it was that simple while using the past to interrogate the president I published a book titled the question of torch him last year the tracks the trail of an extraordinary historical institutional continuity through countless pages of leaked and declassified documents I found it from 1950 1962 the CIA led a secret research effort to crack the code of human consciousness a veritable Manhattan Project of the mind with costs that reach at peak in the late 1950s a billion dollars a year now many if not all of us have heard about the most outlandish and least successful aspect of this research the testing of LSD collection subjects and the tragic death of a CIA employee dr. Frank Olson who jumped or as the son now believes was pushed to his death from a New York hotel and per dose of this drug this Agency drug testing the focus of countless sensational stories and investigative reports that nowhere except two lawsuits by the victims of dr. Ewen Cameron sadistic experiments and McGill's Allen Memorial Institute lawsuits that still continue today forty five years after these experiments ended now in scientific terms this vasya experiment yielded the sorts of negative results that real scientific labs across the world produced very quietly countless times every day that's the same negative results but obscure you see I have funded behavioral experiments outsourced to leading Canadian American universities produce some key findings all dueling and rather dull a reported in scientific journals that contributed to the discovery of a distinctively American form of torture psychological torture this behavioral approach was given real impetus by a secret American British Canadian research effort launched in May 1951 when Sir Henry Tizard the venerable senior scientists from the UK Ministry of Defence flew across the Atlantic and checked into Montreal's ritz-carlton hotel taking a single room with bath in 1940

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taking a single room with bath in 1940 Sir Henry had crossed the Atlantic to forge cooperation from allied physicists that made radar a key weapon in the defeat of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan during World War two now 11 years later and they can Sir Henry was making the same voyage across the same ocean to mobilize this time not physicists but behavioral scientists for the fight against the Soviet Union during the Cold War in 1986 a Canadian government into an inquiry headed by George Cooper crusing reported quote a high-level meeting took place at the Ritz problem hotel in Montreal on June 1st 1951 attended by dr. Ullman Sawant head of Canada's defense research board dr. Donald ohem head of the board's behavioral research and chair of psychology at McGill University and to Americans dr. Harold Hoskins and commander RJ Williams who are identified in a handwritten note later found in the files of the defense research board as CIA indicative of the extent of CIA penetration but the u.s. scientific establishment during this Bureau director parallel Haskins became dis five years later president of the influential Carnegie Institution of Washington DC a position he held until 1971 as noted the minutes of the meetings taken by the defense Research Board quote dr. hem suggested that an approach based on upon the situation of sensory isolation might lead to some clues they're answering the central problem which interested in fact has grown discovered research coalition confession meant aside intervention the individual mind together with methods concerned in psychological coercion end quote in response to dr. Hamza statement Sir Henry - Henry Tizard state of these issues quote have become a matter of concern you pay and his advisers had pointed out quote that methods of psychological coercion have been well developed by the Inquisition in framing a research agenda to explore the

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a research agenda to explore the psychological coercion practice in the Inquisition the Salem witch trials the groom agreed that censoring and isolation might plate subjects quote in such a position psychologically that they would be susceptible to the implantation of new or different ideas consequently the defense Research Board gave dr. Kevin a confidential branding for this research which discovered bio 1954 that quote mere isolation not involved any physical punishment might be a most powerful instrument for affecting fundamental changes in individual beliefs hitting a continuing CIA contact this work factor savant explain later report has been appreciable interest to us from certain C's representers of which have by arrangement visited him elaborating upon the meaning of this so-called arrangement Cooper's report explained that Washington and Ottawa had agreed that if a Canadian scientists such as have had work of interest in the CIA he would do the work as directed by the United States but he paid from pain and funds by Ottawa thus making have a de facto CIA researching well though the Canadian quarry portrayed these behavioral experiments as a desperate search for defence against communist brainwashing the CIA's own minutes of the meeting made it clear that this was not in fact the case as the discussions open the principles according to CIA minutes quickly agreed that there was no conclusive evidence that the Soviets had made anything akin to revolutionary progress and dismissed their interrogation techniques as full remarkably similar to the age-old methods behind closed doors there for the defense of pretense for this pool science evaporated and these cold waters decided to pursue control over human consciousness for its own sake agreeing on joint research for their own offensive Cold War operations a decision I would argue that raises serious questions about the sincerity of their stated any communist motives and the possibility of indeed darker darker motivations within just a few years this mind-control effort would include a british intelligence research in in sussex an anglo-american facility CIA

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sussex an anglo-american facility CIA mi6 near frankfurt for fatal experiments on captured Soviet bloc Expendables CIA funded psychology research of any universities periodic allied conferences to exchange results and above all falsified Canadian Studies a sensory deprivation of media University indeed in 1951 52 the CIA coordinated the US intelligence community in developing a special top-secret interrogation program to explore ways that to quote a celeriac document medieval medical science particularly psychiatry and psychotherapy has developed various techniques by means of which some external control can be imposed on the mind or will of an individual such as drugs hypnosis electric shocks and neurosurgery with the aim of evaluating the extent of threat to the national security of the United States in September of 1951 just three months after this mantra lady dr. Henry Kavita professor of anesthesiology at Harvard University across the Atlantic to troll European universities and the US intelligence community in Europe for collaborators and an exploration of the efficacy of truth serum mescaline and lsd-25 for interrogations remember the name enrique Picchu they don't know it already because we'll be coming back to him at the conclusion of this talk well though pursuit vigorously at CIA headquarters and a half dozen university research hospitals for decades all this progress search was a dead end in the CIA's search for new interrogation methods among the hundreds of behavioral experiments the CIA outsourced to university researchers to produced important discoveries with funding from Canada's Defense Research Board the same time Canadian psychologist dr. Donald Hebb found through experiments conducted from 1952 to 54 that they can induce a state akin to psychosis in just 24 hours what had the doctor done drugs hypnosis electroshock remedy but for two days to the volunteers at McGill University

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the volunteers at McGill University where Hef was chair of psychology simply sat in a comfortable cubicle deprived of sensory stimulation by goggles gloves and earmuffs one of have subjects retired UC berkeley professor peter Dale Scott Venter undergraduate McGill University has described these methods in his epic poem listening to the panel Peter Dale Scott was a subject in these permits nothing in those weeks added up yet the a very endlessness precondition in my mind of sensory deprivation as a volunteer in the mcgill experiment for the US Air Force two CIA reps at the meeting my ear sore from their earphones amniotic from my eyes under two bulging halves of ping-pong balls arms covered to the tips with cardboard tubes those for

me produce in Asians I was the first to report as for example the string of paper men emerging from a manhole in the side of a snow-white Hill distinctly two-dimensional for two days they paid my mind to withdraw itself from every impulse but its own to live only on itself not seeing the objects as objects the humour of the darkness and bothering me assertion many of these student subjects were named medical students at McGill University and through Foley interviews I've conducted with several of these now elderly retired doctors I have learned that one of their classmates one of their sub the subjects in these experiments also a medical student suffered a complete breakdown and had still not recovered a full 10 years when they lost touch with him indeed Dora himself found that after just two or three days of such isolation for the subjects very identity had begun to disintegrate if you compare the drawings of Dr Hubbs student volunteers with and photos of today's Guantanamo detainees the similarity is for good reasons striking discovery number two self-inflicted pain during the nineteen fifties as well to enter ologists at Cornell University Medical Center in New York City working

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Medical Center in New York City working for the CIA found that the KGB's most devastating torture techniques involved not crew physical beatings but simply forcing the victim to stand for days at a time while the leg swelled the steam erupted in separating nations the kidneys shut down hallucinations began all incredibly painful again look at those hundreds of photos from Abu Ghraib you will see the repeated use of this method which we now call stress positions in 1863 the CIA distilled these findings into its curiously named cube art counterintelligence interrogation manual which reveals one read carefully the broad outlines of that most persistent most problematic the most distinctive the American form of torture psychological torture if you wish to read this manual for yourself just know the word KUB AR k on your desktop computer and if you do focus on the footnotes with their elaborate citation of behavioral science experiments that contain both the intellectual genealogy and the perverse genius of the CIA's psychological torture program if genius is the discovery of the obvious then the CIA's discovery of this psychological or no-touch torture was a cover intuitive breakthrough the first real revolution the cruel science of pain and centuries through more than 2,000 years of Western judicial torture the same problem as precipitant the strong defy pain before the weak Portadown whatever was necessary to stop it by contrast the CIA psychological paradigm fused two new methods sensory disorientation self-inflicted pain whose combination in theory theory would cause victims to feel responsible for their own suffering and thus perpetuate more readily to their inquisitors years of practice sensory disorientation relies on a mix of sensory overload and sensory deprivation by a vanilla procedures isolation than intense interrogation evening cold white dark noise and silence and then all mixed up in various

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silence and then all mixed up in various spending for first ways but only the experienced interrogator can really do well for a systematic attack on all who's been more in its clandestine journey across continents and decades this distinctively American form of psychological torture would prove elusive resilient adaptable powerful destructive seductive and devastatingly destructive me attributes that have allowed it to persist in the present and will allow it to continue into the future but sort of review each attribute in turn first very importantly elusive unlike its physical barring psychological torture lacks clear signs of abuse and thus easily lose detection greatly complicating any investigation prosecution or attempt at prohibition after British intelligence applied these CIA techniques on IRA suspects in 1971 an inquiry headed by Lord Parker of Washington found psychological methods complicated a new determination of torture where for war crimes does hardship and discomfort end and for instance humiliating treatment begin and where does the lump of end and torture begin the answer Lord Parker said turns on words of definition and thus opinions will inevitably different no Lord markets Parker's prescient phrase words of definitions definitions are very important they're critical in this whole exercise we're in Dublin suit London all over this issue in 1977 the European Court of Human Rights found written guilty of inhuman and degrading treatment but not not of torture alone among the 17 justices that rule in this case Judge Demetrius every Chinese of Greece

understood that there are new forms of suffering that have little in common with the physical pain caused by conventional torture who some must have caused extremely intense physical mental and psychological suffering inevitably covered by the strictest definition of

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covered by the strictest definition of torture now that's not 2007 that's in 1877 that's a Greek justice from Moody was talking about because of course the Greek legal community had just finished the famous Greek torture trials of the Colonel's and their subalterns who had subjected Bruce to this regime motility perpetrators and their protectors have a strong stake in maintaining this elusive quality of psychological torture by muddling definitions of the practice just as lieutenant general Kevin finally the US Army Surgeon General did at the APA a convention in August of last year when he opposed successfully the APA and making any definition of abuse asking kind of mocking bullying manner how low does a spring have to be how many angels must dance on the head of a punish our second point Brazilian psychological torture is shrouded in a scientific patina that appeals to policymakers and avoid the obvious physical brutality unpalatable to the American public the third attribute adaptable in the 40 years since it discovered the agency's psychological paradigm is surprisingly adaptable with each sustained application producing innovations seductive for both the perpetrators and the powerful who command them torture has I suspect the penalty certain a darkly erotic appeal even when torture is initially intended for a few Soviet spies or few top al-qaeda commanders it soon spreads in two directions rapid proliferation to the torture of the many and our necks herbal escalation in the scale of brutality so seductive his tortures appeal that the powerful will always come [__] rationale to preserve their prerogative of torture in defiance of all evidence of an effectiveness and interrogation and enormous wing pie protocol calls fifth and finally destructive although seemingly less brutal in physical methods CIA's no-touch toward perfection these searing psychological scores scars

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searing psychological scores scars victims often need long treatment to recover from a trauma that many experts at torture Center for treatment centers across the United States consider more crippling and physical pain indeed just just this month doctor Menton Basu blue a psychiatrist and prominent specialist for portrait trauma treatment at King's College London has published a study in the archives of general psychology finding from interviews with 279 survivors from he was Slavia that the mean distress rating for physical and psychological or non-physical stressors were in the same range in part to propagation after codification in the 1963 kubark manual the CI spent the next 30 years propagating these torture techniques among anti-communist allies across Asia and Latin America and although the agency trained military interrogators from across Latin America our knowledge of the actual torture techniques transmitted comes from a single handbook for a Honduran training session the CIA's human resources exploitation 1083 I can if you wish to read this manual for yourself just go to your laptop or desktop and google the phrase human resources exploitation managing to establish control at the outset the question is should you see an instructor tells his funding military trainees quote manipulate the subjects environment to create unpleasant or intolerable situation to disrupt patterns of time of space and sensory perception psychological disruption this 1983 handbook specified techniques that seemed strikingly similar to those outlined 20 years earlier in the Q Park manual and those that would be used 20 years later about the very prison when the Cold War came up what was Washington to resume that's out of the casino came right ratifying the UN Convention Against Torture 1994 to ban the infliction of severe psychological and physical pain now on the surface the

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physical pain now on the surface the United States had by ratification of this convention apparently resolve the tension between its anti-torture principles and his torture practices yet when President Clinton was sent this UN Convention to Congress for ratification 1994 included language drafted eight years earlier by the Reagan administration with for detailed diplomatic paragraphs of reservation focused on just one word in the

26 printed pages of the UN Convention that word was mental significantly these interpreting constructive diplomatic reservations redefine torture as interpreted by the United States to exclude sensory deprivation and self-inflicted pain the very techniques the CIA had refined in such great cost in decades past this definition was reproduced a verbatim in domestic legislation enacted to give legal force to this UN Convention first in 20 section 23 40 of the US federal code and then in the War Crimes Act of 1996 now remember that obscure number of section 2314 or is the key to unlocking the meaning of the controversial Military Commissions law enacted by the US Congress just last September a year later in 1995 even administration launched its covert campaign against al-qaeda the CIA would a direct involvement torture by sending some 70 terrorist suspects the Allied nations notorious or brutal physical torture a practice called it's Ordinary rendition which was supposedly banned by the UN treaty in effect what washing hands put the UN Convention down the middle banning physical torture but exempting psychological abuse by failing to repudiate the CIA's use of torture while adopting a UN Convention that condemned its practice the United States look at this contradiction buried like a pod of a landmine ready to detonate with such a phenomenal force just ten years later in the novel brave prison scandal part three perfection right after his public address to a shaken nation September 11 2001 President Bush gave his White House

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2001 President Bush gave his White House staff wide secret orders saying quote I don't care what the international lawyers say we are going to kick some ass in the months that followed administration attorneys translated their president's eloquent but otherwise unlawful orders into US policy by three neoconservative Leo doctrines one the president is above the law to torture is legally acceptable and three the US Navy base at Guantanamo Bay is not US territory the focus on the single doctor most germane to psychological torture that's just an attorney general Jay Bybee found grounds and is now a notorious August 2002 memo for excavating any CIA interrogators with tortured but later claimed his or her intention was information instead of pain moreover by parsing UN and us definitions of torture as severe physical or mental pain by be included in pain but went to organ failure was legal effectively allowing torture up to but not including death the Bush administration began building a global gulag for torture at Abu Ghraib Bagram Bhutan MO and a half dozen additional sites worldwide in February 2002 the White House assured the CIA that the administration's public pressure to abide by the Geneva Conventions did not apply to its operatives and the White House also allowed the agency ten enhanced interrogation methods designed by agency psychologists including more this technique which simulates drowning was later called the totally sorry was earlier called supporter like a lead guy or Nadia or standard French torturer in a 1541 French judicial handbook and it would now become what CIA director Porter Goss called in March 2005 a professional interrogation technique standard French torture 1541 professional interrogation technique 2005 such as the pending human progress on this topic there are several methods for achieving this effect of the

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for achieving this effect of the simulation of drowning can be achieved by several methods for example by forcing the victim to lie prone and then constricting breathing into what cloth as was done by the French Inquisition and the CIA to today or by forcing water into the lungs as that was done by French paratroopers during Algerian war factor French paratroopers used this technique on him during the battle for out years in 1957 the journalist Corey a leg wrote a new moving description of his experience to turn the French people against both torture and the Algerian war I tried a leg road by constructing my throat to take in as little water as possible and to resist suffocation by keeping air my lungs for as long as I could but I couldn't hold on for more than a few moments I've had the impression of drowning and a terrible agony that of death itself took possession of me let us think about the deeper meaning of a lake sparse words a terrible agony that of death itself as the water blocks air to the ones the human organisms powerful mammalian diving reflex kicks in and the brain is wracked by horrific ly painful panic signals death death death then the victim vomits out the water balloons suck in air the panics of science and then it happens again and again and again and again each time and screw describing the searing trauma of near-death and human memory and let us think about the moral implications of the recent refusal by the APA S pen's task force to offer any specific guidance about

which techniques including waterboarding might constitute cruelty or torture in late 2002 defense secretary Rumsfeld appointed general Jeffrey Miller to command Montano Moe why buy the tube for interrogation making this prison into an ad hoc Behavioral Science Laboratory will be beyond the original attack on sensory receptors Universal to all humans that were the foundation of the CIA's cycle out to the courts paradigm

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CIA's cycle out to the courts paradigm Montana was interrogators stiffened the psychological assault by exploring Arab cultural sensitivity of sexuality gender identity and fear of dog here we recall of course the adaptable nature of the paradigm these each extensive application produces innovation his is inhibition general Miller also formed behavioral science consultation teams of military psychologists will probe each detainee from individual phobias such as fear of dark or attachment Department lieutenant general praline in his celebratory article on the Hebrew science consultation team said their task was to find the buttons through this total three-phase attack on sensory receptors coats are generally from an individual psyche want animal perfected the CIA psychological paradigm significantly after regular inspections of gondwana from 2002 and 2004 the International Red Cross reported and I quote the construction of such a system cannot be considered other than an intentional system of cruel unusual and degrading treatment and a form of torture and a form of torture illustrate these techniques let me now show a two-minute segment from a recent documentary film titled the road to Guantanamo about the three British Muslim detainees known as the Tipton's three that recreation their perspective the victims perspective their interrogation the best single representation I've seen other techniques the powerful cinema this depiction cannot capture of course the full impact of interrogation that continues for days and weeks with worth a real interrogator like some demonic DJ Altair an alternating serpent denial of sensory stimulus light the dark some in silence heat then called all mixed and matched to the victims persona to break down any capacity for resistance these enhanced interrogation policies by the way those

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interrogation policies by the way those guys confessed they confess by God it works they confess to participating they were shown a video of 50 people in a field in Afghanistan before 9/11 reverentially listening to Osama bin Laden they confessed yes that's me after the sea princess me that's me that's me know anything of course mi5 food at one time was evidence that they weren't actually in the field there one guy was on parole I was reporting weekly to a magistrate in the UK another guy was working in my electronics store me had his timesheets from the store in London so they lied is to stop it okay they confess for being acolytes it was on bin Laden these enhanced interrogation policies originally use only against talk about Reid operatives soon proliferated to involve thousands of ordinary Iraqis from Baghdad suffered a wave of terror bombings in mid-2003 that wants the resistance cos occupation doctor visit from the Guantanamo chief General Miller in September 2003 the US commander for Iraq general Ricardo Sanchez issued orders for sophisticated psychological torture now as I read from those orders please listen for the defining components of psychologic torture specifically sensory disorientation self-inflicted pain and that most recent innovation attacks on Arab cultural sensitivities I quote you environmental manipulation altering the environment to create moderate discomfort eg adjusting temperatures of introducing unpleasant smell the sleep adjustment adjusting the sleeping cycles of the detainee eg reversing the stinking cycles from night today ex isolation isolated the detainee from other detainees for 30 days why presence of military working dogs exploits Arab fear of dogs while maintaining security during interrogations a a yelling loud music and light control used to create fear disorient detainee and prolong capture shock see see stress positions use a physical posturing sitting standing

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physical posturing sitting standing kneeling prone etc indeed my review of the 1600 still classified our private photos on the dis of the army Criminal Investigation Command the photos taken by the interrogators at Abu Ghraib reveals not random idiosyncratic acts from separate sadistic Minds but just three portrait techniques repeated over and over ad nauseam ad infinitum reporting percentage deprivation short travelling long shackling and and for standing for self-inflicted pain and total nudity sexual affiliation and dogs for their recent innovation exploration of our cultural sensitivity it is no accident that private Linda England was photographed leading an Iraqi detainee lived like at all part for legalization let's now look at the aftermath of the Abu Ghraib scandal seeing how America has moved by degrees to impunity for perpetrators and to legalization of the CIA psychological torture techniques confronted by public a Negro detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib the Bush White House is fought back by defending torture as a presidential prerogative by contrast an ad hoc civil society coalition of courts press and human rights groups has mobilized to stop the abuse if you'll indulge a personal remark watching for example our military lawyers are corporate lawyers the legal community the psychotherapeutic community in part the medical community many components of American society mobilize in a time of war to fight this abuse is an extraordinary tribute to the strength the ethics and the qualities of this society so my critical remarks such as they are or not I think devoted to the whole of American side of their focus for example in 2006 the American Psychiatric Association band members were they are words that are brilliant surgically presents targeted at the key facets of the CI paradigm they've and their members from exposing subjects to

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their members from exposing subjects to quote isolation imposition of fear humiliation sensory deprivation or excessive stimulation sleep deprivation exploitation of phobias or prolonged stress positions and you think of all the thousands of things they could have banned okay this list of half a dozen is brilliantly enumerated in order to hit the core of the CIA psychological paradigm Nords you've read those words and you then think about my lecture and I have been describing as those things and nothing other than those things it's a superb statement by the American Psychiatric Association morally courageous professionally informed and surgically precise superb stated over the past 18 months this battle has been focused on two key bills this pattern within American society enacted by the republican-controlled Congress the detainee Treatment Act in 2005 and the military commissions bill 2006 which both core enacted to and in the gate landmark of US Supreme Court decisions let's look at the first of these bills in the detainee Treatment icon the Supreme Court decision that prompted it in June 2004 the Supreme Court ruled in a landmark case rasul v Bush that the Guantanamo detainees were in fact on American territory and thus deserve access to US courts prompting the country's top corporate law firms to file a hundred and sixty habeas corpus cases on behalf of 300 montano detainees then in December of 2005 Senator John McCain amended the must pass defense appropriation bill with an absolute ban on quote cruel inhumane and degrading treatment of the Taney's order by the military of the CIA the White House fought back with loopholes first Vice President Cheney pres McCain to simply drop the law next national security adviser Stephen have they urged legal exemptions for CIA tortures and finally the administration tried to neutralize the impact of the Kings

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the impact of the Kings with another amendment written by Senator Lindsey Graham that tried to deny the Guantanamo detainees any access to the US ports for habeas corpus suits then on December 15 2005 all these tensions from the dissolve in that dramatic Oval Office handshake between Senator McCain and President Bush President Bush announced that this landmark legislation made it clear to the world that this government is not torture that media Mirage concealed continue White House moves to undercut the same legislation using it to legitimate the three controversial legal doctrines the neoconservative doctrine legal doctrines that the White House lawyers have devised to justify torture after 9/11 dr. Warren of course is the president above the law doctor to of course is there a legal loophole on the CR to torture illegally and dr. three doctor three most important in this context the US Navy base at Guantanamo was not US territory to nullify the Supreme Court's 2004 ruling in Russell V bush this new law as amended by Senator Graham stipulated that Montano MoBay is no longer US territory and in theorem in theory denied detainees any

access to US courts in effect McCain's original amendment ban torture but Senator Graham's amendment to that amendment removed any real mechanism for the enforcement of this bang if you look behind the headlines surrounding this debate for a deeper analysis it seems that the elusive quality of psychological torture that are cited writing instruction as complicated Congress's recent efforts to break the promise now unlike conventional torture as I said earlier with its telltale principles Afellay psychological abuse eludes easy definition and as I said definitions are critical in both perpetration and prevention indeed right after Congress approved McCain's torture ban last in December of 2005 attorney general Alberto Gonzales parse the words severe to insist that the new law only adds purification papyruses existing

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adds purification papyruses existing definition of torture as these are Gonzalez's were intentional severe physical or mental pain the Attorney General seem to be arguing the opinions of Department subordinates who are already arguing off-the-record and in the press that the torture ban by McCain would still allow waterboarding the same method that the French Inquisition and once called Authority gulika ordinarily I'm or standard French torturing when future investigators try to judge the school took great signs of CIA psychological torture each of the Attorney General's words intentional severe and mental or open another loophole Heather honor of the needle through which the CIA can pass to continue this cruel practice in a dramatic day in the month of June 2006 the US Supreme Court decided in a second landmark decision and M V Rumsfeld the President Bush's military commissions were illegal because they did not meet the requirement under common article 3 others even convention that wanna mount detainees be tried and these are the words of the court with all the judicial guarantees recognized as indispensable by civilized people then on September 6 of last year on a dramatic bid to legalize is now illegal policies but a virtual of the Supreme Court decision President Bush announced that he was transferring fourteen top al-qaeda captives from secret CIA prisons to Guantanamo Bay and was 4pd aiding and legitimating past abuses President Bush denied either authorized torture while simultaneously defending the CIA's use of a tough alternative set of procedures to extract what he called a vital information well now where push called the CIA program to go forward President Bush announced he was sending legislation to commerce that would legalize the same presidential priorities in treatment of detainees that have been challenged by this front for our first was a bill seemed to arouse strong opposition by three Republican veterans on the Senate Armed Forces the fourth was Armed Services Committee senators Graham McCain and Warner but after tense day long

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Warner but after tense day long negotiations inside vice president Cheney's Senate office on September 21st 2006 these Republican partisans reached a compromise that sailed through Congress within a week without an amendment to become the military commissions walk 2006 know among its many objectionable features this law scripts detainees of their hideous corpus rights sanctions analyst without trial and allows the use of tortured testimony before the military commissions most significantly in terms of this talk by using verbatim the narrow definition can keep coming back to that word definition definition of severe mental pain at the United States burst of doctor back in 1994 this will allow the I interrogators ample latitude for future psychological torture this definition is concealed under paragraph nine fifty V Part B subsection B on page seventy of this dense ninety six page law that reads quote severe mental pain or suffering defined in this section this term severe mental pain has the meaning given that term in section 2314 of Title 18 of the federal code now what is that definition in section 23 forty which we serve for assault back in 1994 this is of course the same restrictive definition of psychological torture the United States first adopted when ratified the Ormandy toward convention 1994 and enacted enabling legislation is federal law cific for this legislations highly limited standard for severe mental suffering does not prohibit any aspect of the sophisticated torture techniques the CIA is refined over the past half-century into a total psychological assault on the human psyche to make my point clear let us compare the laws a very narrow four-part standard for severe mental suffering with the CIA's actual practice of psychological torture to see which if any of the agency's techniques are

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any of the agency's techniques are banned under the new law now under this law section twenty to forty there are only four practices that constitute in any way severe mental pain in other words what severe mental pain I'll pay it it's these four things and nothing else okay four things okay what are them drug injection death threats threats against another and extreme physical pain in actual practice this definition does not ban any of the CIA and now military intelligence psychological methods developed over the past five decades which I detailed in this talk but let me just recapitulate your very briefly this will get an idea of what's not included first talk with the pain biron for standing a so-called stress positions which are cruel contortions enforced by sharpen those we saw in video ii sensory disorientation from temple and environmental manipulation exemplified by sleep deprivation protracted isolation and extremes of heat we call light and dark noise and silent isolation and intensive interrogation third attacks on coach identity through sexual Millie a Shanice of dollars for attacks on individual psyche by exploiting fears and bogies v hybrid methods such as Porter board and six and most importantly creative combination of all these methods which might seem individually banal if not benign you wish analogy to make the curious the Alice in Wonderland curiouser and curiouser logic of this legislation perfectly clear would be as if us homicide law had taken leave from the popular board game Clue given my audience I must ask does everybody here know clerk at that makes I assume and like most of us you know we kind of tend to miss things out there ordinary culture look it's really I guess it's a board game it could be played safe at home between working on our footnotes this the US homicide law have taken this leap from the board game Clue and defined murder as only those killings done by this is white in the conservatory a candlestick thereby

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conservatory a candlestick thereby legalizing all murders done by more conventional means that took poison pistols rifles knives Rotary clubs or bombs to test my critical one might even say overly critical assessment let us ask whether in this new law bans the most extreme of the CIA's enhanced methods water board while the White House is refused comment Vice President Cheney stated last October that using a dunk in water to extract information was quote a no-brainer for me administration's leader on interrogation policy Vice President Cheney words make clear and despite White House denials that waterboarding is legal under the new law by its omissions this legislation the Military Commission Act 2006 has effectively legalized the CIA's right these methods that internationally the international community and bought it in the Red Cross and the UN Human Rights Committee considers psychological torture for the first time in the 200 years since 1791 with the United States ratified the fifth amendment banning self-incrimination why do we ban self-incrimination why would anybody in the 18th century self-incriminate water need to be banned because if you were tortured you would self-incriminating so the balance of elimination was not in fact invented so that Tony Soprano or his real-life equivalents could stand up for the US Congress or US courts and say I think the minute no it was introduced to ban torture from the US judicial process that's the point of the third amendment the implications of the military commission for of us profound and they are facing legal challenge but we're in this case which is the Supreme Court we cannot expect that the Roberts Court will overturn this with the same ring Rainier ever and we saw in those two recent landmark decisions are slowly abortion Honda V Rumsfeld if this law stands with its provisions for torture and drug head justice in the United States will suffer continued damage to its moral leadership in the international community looking through a glass darkly into the future Washington may return to that convenient Cold War contradiction public compliance of human rights treaties and secret torture and conquer

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torture and conquer of those same international convention okay yet the world is no longer blind to these ones clandestine CIA methods and this attempt at secrecy will likely produce another scandal similar to Hubble beret and next time our part stations of of innocents will ring hollow and the damage to US prestige the damage to this great nations moral leadership will be even greater than the last time let me now conclude with some ethical reflections if I were asked to stand back from our current debate over torture and draw

some brawlers I could technically because I'm no expert on this but you're asked me so I'll answer you invited me so here I am I would argue that the past has lessons for our present let us return to that figure of Henry dr. Henry K Beecher only last saw as we will call of traveling through Europe in 1951 trying to recruit European scientists and US military officers the CIA is massive mind control project why does everyone here today need every academic researcher in America live in dr. Becher shadow mr. bang key can you tell us who Henry K beatriz and why we live in a shadow you know did you know if you were to be true what's your what's your type of APN I have epic sawsan why does the APA have an ethics office Henry KB trip okay why is that human subjects protocol why are there institutional review boards why do we have informed consent for some things Henry can be true the date dr. beter is remembered for his fame 1966 article ethics and clinical research for the New England Journal of Medicine which cited 22 incidences of morally dubious medical research conducted without regard for the welfare of human subjects dr. Vetra warned that we were at risk for this abuse of the subjects becoming universal in practice of clinical research four

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in practice of clinical research four years later feature expand upon these ideas in his book research in the individual growing upon the cautionary example of the Nazi doctors tried at Nuremberg to argue hope and medicine the first rule is to do no harm if serious risk is to be taken however this can often be limited the situation where the subject a patient promises to profit directly from him when serious versus to be taken for the sake of science alone the welfare of the subject is paramount end quote from page 181 of his father initially controversial and it was enormously controversial at the time Beecher study Nietzsche's accusations once the establishment of institutional review boards and made his name synonymous with informed consent and the ethical treatment of human suffers a legacy commemorated with the annual award of the Henry K Beecher prize in medical ethics at Harvard Medical School given to the student who writes the best essay in medical ethics he's an exemplar for the future doctors and clinical researchers of America typical of the laudatory treatment of Beatrice career a 2001 article in The Bulletin of the World Health Organization explained that leaches quote deep Christian faith and some guilt over ethical lapses in his lab perhaps claritin to sound the warning that breaches of ethical conduct are almost universal and medical research now throughout his moral per se because he was citing these examples of abusive treatment dr. Becher did not tell us about his secret work for the US intelligence community from 1947 to 1950 to approximately may have started earlier and it made her run later but those teammates would know about in September 1951 just three months after that seminal Montreal meeting with Henry Tizard and dr. hem and CIA representative Carol Hoffman is dr. Henry K Beecher the Dora professor of anesthesiology at Harvard Medical School cross the Atlantic in the opposite direction travelling through England and Germany to mobilise European scientists and u.s. intelligence officers an exploration of the efficacy of truth

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exploration of the efficacy of truth serum mescaline and lsd-25 for interrogation so obsessed was Beecher with advancing the use of drugs from interrogation they hid earlier obtain copies of dr. Kirk Partners notorious reports of mescaline testing for the Gestapo at the Dachau death camp indeed if you've got a doc out today and you look at the copies of dr. Partners reports those are actually from features files he has the only FDA only have certain copies of by the partners reports let's review professor Beecher detailed 15 page report to the US Army Surgeon General of his 1951 European tour by the way the US Army Surgeon General that's lieutenant Kevin Pilate today Charlie's predecessor now according to the report in England Beach was first stop in 1951 involved specials of senior medical researchers at Oxford and Cambridge about the utility of - some mescaline and LSD to learn a quote there's special value if many men are to be interrogated end quote moving on to shape later in NATO headquarters at Marlin roll-off Beecher had conversations about drugs and security with senior US Army officers of whom teacher said and I quote they also expressed the view that since our work is supported by the medical research and development board but the proper channel for its extension to useful levels was for the Joint Intelligence Committee rather than the Central Intelligence agency since the Central Intelligence Agency has representatives in any case on the Joint Intelligence Committee at Heidelberg chief US Surgeon for Europe John denna told Peter Pope that as a

physician under the Geneva Convention he did it but have nothing to do with the use of drugs for the purposes of mine and turn me over to g2 as army intelligence well that's been the u.s. army G to arrange feature to move into the heart of the interrogation effort at over whistle to the European Command interrogation Center of the US Army where conversations the six top military and civil researchers concluded it's a picture that quote it would be desirable for me to return perhaps in a year when we know better the signs and symptoms of

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we know better the signs and symptoms of the newer derivatives of mescaline and lysergic acid to interrogate especially high-level escapees from Russian delegation also the staff recommended the beecher worked with more general Schreiber whom Beecher described as a physician and former german general who is now on his way to the united states and will be at the school of aviation medicine Randolph field they thought Schreiber would be a good man for me to see and to interrogate Schreiber is intelligent and helpful so who is Schreiber features Peter tip research partner well this was of course ex-nazi general Walter Schreiber former commander of the Vermont Medical Corps and Nazi doctor who conduct experiments on concentration camp prisoners during the war and been employed at over Barrasso before the CIA brought him to the United States under Operation Paperclip albeit only until May 1952 when press expose of his Nuremberg testimony about his war crimes force the CIA exfiltrated to Argentina significantly over Warsaw was located in the Thomas hills outside Frankfurt and it was the site of the US Army's Camp King were former Nazi scientists the Nazi doctors including the notorious deputy right health leader in Bronco dr. Kurt Blome were employed in powa interrogation including fagelah experiments on these so-called Expendables a year later in August 1952 feature did return to Europe where after conversation with Armijo there's about lsd-25 he recommended strongly the study of quote of these agents as offensive weapons in for example sitting water supplies reporting to Washington the implications of his own LSD experiments now listen carefully in btris description of his own research to see if one of his priorities is concerned the subjects okay we need to know for example the ordinary chlorination of the water will oxidize lysergic acid derivatives in the doses we have been using the maximum effect is obtained in about two hours after ingestion by mouth and the duration of

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ingestion by mouth and the duration of the effectiveness is about six hours we need to know the effects of larger doses a prolonged administration of small doses and so on these agents are being studied by some 200 investigators on both sides of the Iron Curtain fight earnestly hope the United States will not get behind in this field from one of an organized plan of attempt with features access to these secret interrogation facilities and is deep implication in this research you must wonder about his role in the proliferating LSD experiments at Harvard so Cavalier and their treatment of human subjects and more seriously if you participated in or learned about the CIA's terminal experiments on so-called Expendables human subjects were tortured Camp King and Omarosa landed nearby CIA safe house during this 1951-52 period therefore features only count indicates that he had planned eggs from experimentation for interrogation with the US intelligence community tried to implicate reputable British scientists in possible criminal research proposed drug testing that a senior US Army Surgeon considered criminal visited the site of in remain and sometimes murderous interrogation experiments at oberursel eagerly sought out Nazi doctors and the fruits of their notorious Dachau experiments and back home at Harvard practice LSD tests in heavy doses without concern for the human subjects so what lesson like we draw from the career of Henry Clay Beecher other than the importance of dying before your secret reports are Declassified [Music] betray and change from being the cia's meet Elysee and the heir to the Nazi doctors drug research into an ethical Paragon for all American academics that any professional group can change if members of the APA feel tainted by the work of their colleagues at Guantanamo and the ambiguous report of their professional association over these ethical lapses then Beecher provides a shining time to ethical reform just as interchange from 8 what I call a neo-nazi doctor to moral Paragon by embracing ethical standards so the APA

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embracing ethical standards so the APA can change from a protector of Bush's psychological tortures by using its professional skills to define severe pain and psychological abuse and a revised Penn's report an ethical standard or above all and I would argue that this is a responsibility of all the psychotherapy professionals provides the definition of these issues particularly severe mental pain in a robust DSM for the International Red Cross has been there unlike the representative the American Psychological Association they've actually been in the cellblocks on the ground no we don't know the full extent of their access but it's the most unrestricted of any group in other words they know more than anybody other than the military itself and they have reviewed very carefully this is the International Red Cross the extraordinary legalistic there who's very meticulous in their work and this was a confidential report that leaks somehow they found the case techniques with torture ok so there's an informed room fully mindful of the international conventions that as reported in this is torture all right so let's just make that assumption okay let's assume that in fact US interrogators at Guantanamo have been engaged in the practice of torture all right so the question is what are we gonna do about well lieutenant general Crowley is telling the American Psychological section don't do anything don't define them above all don't define alright that's my way of thinking is above all let's define so why do we need to find well first of all as we saw in the notorious August 2004 memo when the Justice Department Bush administration ones a lot of the Senior Tour so what they do they tampered with the legal definitions they came up with this absurd definition of severe pain as being tantamount to organ failure and they derive that not from relevant legislation on torture human rights abuse they got it from obscure Medicare reading regulations okay so what I'm saying is that those

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okay so what I'm saying is that those who are the practitioners are enabling those of those who are enabling the perpetrators are either getting informed groups to back off on definitions or using definitional military demand in order to allow the publishers so definitions are critical so the first thing I would say is the only thing I will say to any professional barber that has expertise that I do not even begin to have and I'm going to say that I don't know anything about this I just doesn't strainers I'll line it up line up the paperwork okay and I have a certain purchase on yes I work on kind of operations but again historians are journalists what works okay all I'm gonna say is words you don't need a definition okay you need to define it that's your job is to define it to draw upon your expertise what I'm also saying is that from my way of thinking I find it stunning absolutely stunning but the American Psychiatric Association in - and in 2006 okay no months after my book was written can actually come up with a definition of the things that members not do which is a no it's a palimpsest of my book okay I mean you know they're dovetail perfectly things that they prescribed are the techniques that I found historically been using historical myths operating that the key techniques and the it's well if it's the precision again again if you look at Basu blows article I in archives of General Psychiatry publishes month in which he lists the physical and the psychological techniques I think he's got at the top man I bet they know but forgive me if I'd gotten wrong he's got something like seventy techniques okay if you look at that American Psychiatric Association that they don't list seventy things you can't do they missed six and they get them right from my perspective so I can say is that from my historical work from what I found are the core principles the

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what I found are the core principles the key techniques that as far as I can tell to find this paradigm in my view the American Psychiatric Association got it a hundred percent correct okay now the paradigm is gonna change as I said every extent application produced an innovation and they may have to amend their words but for the time being okay they've got it right I think and so you start from there that's all I can say and how you go from there that's your business because this is not my field and therefore I have to always work from my text wise I make errors of fact on transportation says they prohibit their practitioners from exposing subjects to quote isolation imposition of fear humiliation sensory deprivation or excessive stimulation sleep deprivation exploitation of focus or dot-dot-dot prolonged stress positions precise definitions where in mind

you actually not that important because the ethics code already directs us to behave ethically and to not abuse people and whether or not something in somebody's book is cruel or an inhumane treatment or whether it is torture or whatever else the problem is that things are being done deliberately and that the APA came out and saying I we don't think this has happened and you have names why don't you cite any evidence and this went on forever until the evidence became for everybody's so overwhelming that now the conversation is no longer about whether it actually happened or not but what the next step is so while I on the one hand you know who would help in the effort of defining

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who would help in the effort of defining torture methods that are being used currently and to say very specifically that's what you're not allowed to do as a psychologist I would also say that any of the paradigms that could be invented are easily understood and the question is whether the profession is willing to be an instrument in in the execution of these methods and how our professional organization takes a stand I guess I have a couple of thoughts one about the ethics code the part of the ethics code I guess 1.02 I can't remember where under which section that I found that I still can't get my brain wrapped around and that makes no sense it's the part of our APA ethics code that says that when you observe when a psychologist observes human rights violations it is that it is his or her duty to intervene to try and stop it to call the attention and but then there's this odd little thing that seems to erase it the whole rest of the ethics code which says however if this is a legal authority that isn't you know or a military authority or whatever a legitimate authority that is instructing you to go ahead and do these things a psychologist may follow orders ie you know for someone who grew up in you know in the world following the Nuremberg trials and here he'll heard from childhood on that following orders is not an OK excuse for you know violate huge violations of human rights the idea that you would have that though but this is still in our ethics code so all of these things anything can be is fair game if you're following orders so even though the number one thing in the APA

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though the number one thing in the APA ethics code is do no harm you can actually violate do no harm if you are following orders and that this is not like grand news to dr. banking people you know I wrote about it people have written about it people have argued it and it's it's sort of like you know it oh very interesting and you know it's nothing nothing changes in the APA ethics code this whole question about the contradiction between the the requirement that psychologists do no harm and yet the the sanction that they or can the direction that they can follow orders and this produces a contradiction indeed it does I like to think of that there are two great profession two classic professions basically the biomechanical and the legal that have been incorporated in the US military and this creates an internal and unresolvable ethical contradiction between the obligations to your profession and your clients or patients and your your subordination to the chain of command alright what this means for lawyers are not to cite two of them today and I know others grow miss including a very close personal friend of mine that every lawyer who's a giant faces on a daily basis the tension between these two masters ethical responsibilities they don't they take to defend their clients and the earth they take as officers in the chain of command and we've seen two examples Lieutenant Commander Swift who represented them was one of the most high-profile of the guys he's been denied promotion he being kicked out of military's careers over okay and just this week I think on Monday The Sydney Morning Herald reported that a major michael dan lorry Michael Dante more of the US Marine Corps who defends the man who was going to be the first person brought before the military commissions in the MIS no ha David Hicks an Australian detainee

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ha David Hicks an Australian detainee who's been subjected to the most strenuous regime Mauri Mauri has been recommended for prosecution by the chief prosecutor warrant anima while saying that his rigorous defense of kicks has been a violation of his obligation to his commanders so again Maury Morris careers over but then he's out okay so he's a minute these are these are officers and there are many officers like this

who face of this contradiction come down on the side of observing their ethical obligations and so I think that the I don't know but I can't be sure but I think psychologists more time psychologists in the same position there is this constant tension the military will press them to obey and the professional association has to a prayer press them to obey ethical standards okay and then the officers themselves but this association cannot back away it must make it ethical requirements as clear as the military makes its requirement and insist upon them just as strenuously and leave it to the individual officers to work out the contradictions and hopefully in the future psychologists and I no doubt I don't I don't doubt that there are something we haven't heard about the psychologists will do as Lieutenant Commander Swift my mental more II have done them countless other Jags have done is that they will mind their ethical obligations and they will pay the enormous and high personal price that these officers are going to pay I would like to bring up the issue of the Patriot Act which i think is an extension of what we talked about in that I think our professional organizations need to take the stand and section 215 of the Patriot Act which violates our confidential records which could very well relate to these issues because if we are we have any clients who are torture victims whatever our records could be subpoenaed just again on professional responsibilities and this is well known but we may have forgotten that when the

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but we may have forgotten that when the Patriot Act was first drafted who rose up professionally a group that and I'd say that we all suffer from anti librarian prejudice okay I was really surprised and I think we were all impressed with the American Library Association rose up and fought this and fought this hard unrestrained you know why because this goes to the core of their professional practice there was a group within this CPA that I was involved with was muffled honor that worked with the APA legal office to try to close the loophole and the Patriot Act that does appear on paper to permit secrets of peanuts of our second therapy records but our APA office and the legal office lien practice director believes actually that's illegal under federal law and but they need test cases so if anyone gets one of these so-called National Security Letters for a psychotherapy records form and contact Billy in a fill at the APA practice directory legal office geez the head of the office they want these cases they want to help take me the courts are to the establish the bulk of interrogation is done by military intelligence most of the work that was done in Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo was done by both intelligence not the CIA Jayne man's best article in this series actually refers to the sere technique and it talks about and this may not be very politically correct but it talks about how the soldiers in receiving their training in Fort Bragg actually received a form of you know indoctrination into techniques of torture which they then and this you know perhaps is not quite exactly the same as what a professional Corey is talking about perhaps closer to what you're saying is it oftentimes the soldiers themselves not under or this from John Rumsfeld or Sanchez or whatever not even knowing at them 34 52 which is the manual that describes how your interrogation actually from a psychological point of view impose things that they won't talk nothing in discussing this I think it's very

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discussing this I think it's very important to go beyond simply what the psychologists are doing that the whole process of psychology and understand those techniques and I wonder if I have you could respond to the whole discussion that may have started in talking about CI techniques on the seer techniques this is one of those things I read the jane mayer article and i think this is one of those shadowy realms above which we don't know very much my own sense has been that this paradigm invite as a very complex multifaceted journey and it is once that as Geoffrey K has suggested once those records are open and we can actually study it to in turn to be far more complex and even that fragmentary initial sketch I've offered in my book one of the ways it might have happened but I'm not sure is I think that the seer techniques actually reversed the psychological paradigm in other words that once the see I developed this method for interrogating others the US military military intelligence through their contact and ongoing relations at the CIA learned it kind of flipped in so we wanted to train our soldiers so it couldn't be done to them our soldiers haven't learned it flipped it back and applied it to others but it's the same kind of paradigm and there I think this paradigm has a very complex journey whose history we're only beginning to appreciate one of the interesting things about

that Oracle is that the Dean of Students at the US Military Academy Museum is general Parker Finnegan went to Hollywood to meet with the producer of 24 and is a stomping stop showing this stop showing this idea that torture is effective because in the field right now our soldiers are watching your show and they are doing this this is not some ratbag academic like myself this is a general serving general in the u.s. army whose task it is to form the next generation of America's men and women who wear our uniform and represent our nation abroad and he is deeply concerned by the

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and he is deeply concerned by the propagation of these ideas and I take that as one more vote for the idea that it's incumbent upon responsible Americans like the general elect the American Psychological Association to collectively impose our wisdom upon our political leaders who don't know any better although the capacity for fiction like 24 is infinite and it's totally fix your own book that's another subject not written about that elsewhere but but I would argue actually that there is a limiting restraint the human mind is the human mind and although our understanding of it increases constantly that eventuate a certain point they're gonna reach the limits over here what techniques can be used and I think I would argue that I would think that we're probably after 2,000 years of Western judicial torture and 50 years of American and allied psychological torture we may be reaching those limits so that although the American Psychiatric Association may have to add another point of two and years to come I would argue they've basically got it right we've gotten the three parts right we've gotten sensory disorientation to the universe and I agree absolutely in fact it's not infinite and we can do something about I myself feel that there are many aspects of the written policies of Penance documented council resolution that are quite we can be quite proud of but but I agree with many of the comments as you know Steve that there's been something very lacking in that faro efficient its leadership in really getting out there making some noise to just make it very clear where we stand and what we won't stand for even in the

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and what we won't stand for even in the debating the fact that we know that psychologists were involved in training and in helping think about interrogations to me the response should be visceral and not we shouldn't even have to be pressuring our organization to get it together our organization should be leading us marching around the Pentagon okay so severe mental pain define it so that future judge by bees is now a federal judge in this circuit by the way but featured judge by bees cannot come around and come up with these definitions so so I'm sure that they were effective have been repudiated by the Defense Department the Bush administration okay so so among the definitional work of your Association as professionals to get some of these definitions of you from the point of view of your professional practice people like dr. Jacobs here and and the practitioners in the 30 to 40 our portrait victim treatment centers across America with their case files not probably in excessive tens of thousands there was ample evidence to define what constitutes severe severe mental pain to put these you know in the DSM form which has legal standing okay so therefore this does not allow an absurd trifling of the definitions okay so that's something I urge you to put on your professional agenda is getting some of these key issues torture psychological torture severe mental pain get them in the dsm form so they are enshrined in the legal standing that them that the final rounds my third point is that i put some flyers in the back a bunch of us whose gut reaction was oh my god i cant painten's to my organism this is my organization yeah so some of us have withheld our dues for 2007 I'm urging anyone who is interested in doing so too

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anyone who is interested in doing so too and write a letter and explain to I guess the thing Norman Anderson who's the executive director the guy is on the sheet when you get your renewal you know I just wrote it back to him and just explain why you are with hope why you plan to withhold your dues for 2008 until and unless APA gets its act together because I guess I don't know how you feel I do not want my grandchildren looking up and saying you belong to this organization while they were condoning torturing must be nuts and one of

the student was asked can you define what the real ethical definition of ethics I think that was the question and the student got into that very complicated abstract definition of ethics and this somebody from the speaker said you know doing the right thing that is the effect it's so simple doing the right thing

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